

Sermon Notes

Text: 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

Title: The Grace that Generates Generous Giving

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I. THE RULES IT PROVIDES **6-9**

A. THE RULE OF PROPORTIONALITY **6**

Cf. Gal 6:7; Pro 11:24-26. An agricultural axiom. Sparingly=in a limited way; minimal contribution. Bountifully=on the basis of blessings; praising and thanking God

B. THE RULE OF LIBERTY **7**

Freely giving is the foundational biblical principle for giving. After careful reflection; accompanied by conviction of correctness, contentment in offering. Recall 2 Cor 8:3-4, 11. Not with or out of emotional pain, sorrow; grudgingly, forced to conform to external pressure. Cheerful giver= from LXX of Pro 22:8a; *bless* changed to *love*. Joyful, settled satisfaction and contentment in heart. Opposite to reluctant and compulsion.

C. THE RULE OF SUFFICIENCY **8-9**

Its Scope- note the *alls*. The God's grace is in excess of man's needs, Rom 5:15, 20, pre-eminently shown by Christ on his cross. Eph 1:7; 2:7; Rom 2:4 with Tit 1:13-14; 1 Pe 5:10; etc. God causes the superabundance of his grace to overflow to those who give biblically. Its Service- his bounty results in our saying, participating in satisfying others' needs. Its Substantiation- from Ps 112:3-9; 113:3-5. Divine attributes applied to generous Christians. A biblical model of giving; God's own righteous provision as the foundation for the righteous man to be generous.

II. THE RESULTS IT PROMOTES **10-12**

Application of v. 9

A. THE FAITHFULNESS THAT IS EXPECTED

His Complete Faithfulness His Constant Faithfulness His Increasing Faithfulness

B. THE FRUITFULNESS THAT IS EXTENDED **11**

The Certainty of His Blessings The Conduit of His Blessings

C. THE FULLNESS THAT IS EXPLAINED **12**

The Immediate Impact The Far-reaching Impact

III. THE RESPONSE IT PROVOKES **13-15**

A. THEIR INSPIRING PRACTICES **13**

Their Reception of the Gift Their Glorification of Their God Their Acceptance of Your Confession

B. THEIR INTIMATE PRAYER **14**

Their Intensity Their Intercession Their Insight

C. THE INFINITE PRAISE **15**

The Fitting Conclusion The Finest Cause

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